Titusville Amateur Radio Club
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Newsletter of the Titusville Amateur Radio Club

JULY 2003

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Bud Hughes, K4CWG

Thanks to all who participated in the 2003 Field Day activities at the water works transfer station off Barna Ave. In my opinion we had the largest ever turn out for the evening meal. This year like the years gone by the covered dishes as provided by the ladies. I have found that it will take more than the torrential down pour to keep our club away from Field Day activities. In addition to the ladies & some gents (hello W9IOS) who furnished the nourishments there were other activities that contributed to one of the most enjoyable outings.

This year TARC was given permission by Bob to use his call W4TAT. In addition to the several hours required to setup their stations Bob W4TAT and John KE4ZPA operated their stations the entire 24-hour duration. On site during Field Day we had members on 2, 6 and Joe KD4GPF setup and operated PSK 31. Overall the rain accompanied by the thunder and lightening did have an impact on our total contacts but nothing could impede the enthusiasm and attendance.

The club is grateful to the city of Titusville for authorizing the use of city owned facilities for this annual EOC training. Thanks to BEARS for the use of COMM I. To Bob W4TAT for permitting not only the use of his call but also for him furnishing his trailer, radio gear and antenna(s). Don K1DRA brought his RV and via his icemaker in the RV furnished a continued supply of ice. Although Coach Canfield W4RUN could not be with us he furnished the big coolers, gator aide, ice. Paul, K4WPW as he did last year furnished two picnic tables that sure came in handy especially with the huge crowd.

I know I am omitting giving thanks and credit to so many of those who contributed so much to our FD event but make no mistake your club and friends appreciate your participation.

Hope to see you at the Club meeting Tuesday July 22nd. Bring a friend

TIME TO RALLY AGAIN!

By Bob Keim, W4TAT

Just a note to remind you all of the upcoming hearing in relation to the Antenna Exemption request. A tentative date of July 22nd has been scheduled and exact date and time will be coming soon.

The county LPA in the last hearing recommended approval of the exemption for amateurs to the Board of County Commissioners and recommended removing CB, GMRS and the Land Mobile Services. These three services were added based on an opinion and recommendation by Eric Conklin a county employee.

The need to keep these other services out of the exemption based on the legal standings is a key issue in gaining and keeping an exemption for amateur antennas and supports. If anyone needs more info on this please contact me direct and I will explain further.

I can't stress enough, we need **ALL** amateurs to attend the next 2 hearings and now would be a good time to start calling and emailing your commissioners. Email and call them and politely ask them to support the exemption for amateurs. They must receive constant attention to the issue if we are going to be successful at the next two hearings. We can lay back on explaining what the amateurs do for the community as the commissioners are well aware, but we can prepare for any opposition that may arise and we can show this is what we the people want!

Please take note the county has reversed its position on fighting for the inclusion of CB, GMRS and Land Mobile but please be prepared to challenge the issue should it arise at the next hearing.

Also, after receiving all records relating to this matter under the sunshine law public information act, I noticed many of my emails were forwarded to the county and its employees by sources inside the amateur community. These emails are intended for amateurs only and we need to protect our strategies and communications. The county will not share its strategies with us and so we need to keep our communications between us only.

Thanks again and see you on July 22nd! Bob, W4TAT

CHANGE OF WATCH

By Bob Keim, W4TAT

As most of you are aware, Carol, KC4VIN has turned over operation of the Mosquito Net to me Bob, W4TAT. I'd like to inform everyone of some of the goings on relating to the net. We have expanded the format to include a few net awards for those that are interested and will add a second half to the net. The first half will remain the same with check-in's, local traffic, and everyone saying something to the net if they wish. In the new second half we will exchange stinger numbers, 10-10 numbers and make general contacts exchanging signal reports with those that wish to participate. I have setup a website at the following address: http://w4tat.0catch.com Please check it out and let me know if you have any ideas or suggestions! I along with Carol am looking forward to continued support for the net and hope you all will enjoy the expanded formats and will take the time to participate often. Thanks & 73.
Mosquito-Wednesdays at 7 PM on 28.333

JUNE MINUTES

By Becky Lee, KF4HTB

After the usual opening ceremonies of Pledge of Allegiance, moment of silence, introduction of members and guests, Bill Eppley, W4SDB played Happy Birthday and several other selections on his harmonica.

New members were voted into the club. A special welcome was given to new member 10 year old KI4ASY Robbi Keim who is the son of Jackie W4JKF and Bob W4TAT

Carol KC4VIN Told club members that Bob W4TAT will be taking over the Mosquito Net and urged everyone to be sure to check in on Wednesday evenings.

President Bud K4CWJ announced that the Jaycees are having some organizational problems and that they may give up the Jaycee Building (which they lease for a small fee on an annual bases from the City/County). If this happens, TARC will be forced to find a new place for the monthly meeting. After discussion and suggestions from the floor, Sherry KU4ZO volunteered to contact Shawn , Jaycee President, to get more information. This matter was tabled until a later meeting.

Bud also announced that the Jaycees are not doing the fire works on July 4th as they normally do, and that there will be fireworks on the 5th sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Ozzie volunteered to contact the Chamber to see if they need club members to help as they have helped the Jaycees in past years.

Sherry KU4ZO told the club that the Saturday evening Field Day supper will be hot dogs and hamburgers and asked that members bring side dishes or deserts.

There was no program due to the fact that the invited speaker had to cancel.

BEARS Report for July

Eric Conklin, ESF2, held his annual meeting with the BEARS just prior to our monthly meeting in July. He gave us all the details about the upcoming county equipment changes and improvements, to include a new machine for the Titusville Repeater: 147.035, on the County Courthouse.

ARES Badging took place just after the BEARS meeting. The next scheduled opportunity will be at the upcoming Melbourne Hamfest.

The BEARS Board of Directors voted unanimously to accept the position expressed by the BEARS Antenna Ordinance Ad Hoc committee. From a letter addressed to Mr. Bob Lay, Director of the Office of Emergency Management:

"... Although BEARS believes that all participants in the Brevard County volunteer emergency communications services require adequate antennas to effectively complete this valuable mission, the exemption for the FCC licensed Amateur Radio Service should proceed unaltered for the following reasons:

1. The amateur radio exemption successfully resolves the conflict between the FCC Amateur Radio Preemption and Florida statute 125.561 governing amateur radio antennas and the current Brevard County zoning regulations.
2. The amateur radio exemption has completed a significant part of the approval process with enthusiastic support from the regulatory boards and the public, and last minute modification of the exemption is a potential impediment to the straightforward approval of a necessary and proper correction to existing regulations. ..."

Nancy Smith, the EOC Community Coordinator, and Eric Conklin, ESF2, are cc'd on this letter.

Don't forget Lighthouses on the Air Special Event, this August 16th. The IRARC will again operate from the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse and will issue special QSL cards for the event.

Brevard County ARES/ RACES nets on Wednesdays, at 9 am and again at 7 pm, on 147.135. Try checking-in using your emergency communications equipment. Thank you for your support.

Stephanie Phillips, K4MVO
President, BEARS Inc.

ABELL'S ANECDOTES
By Pike Abell W4EPU

ALL ABOUT GYPSIES: A lot of romantic songs and stories have been written about Gypsies, mostly fantasies, but this is about the *real* Gypsies. These are the European tribes who operate mostly as migrant farm workers.

It has been said that during the Cold War the Gypsies were the only People who could roam throughout Europe and the Iron Curtin countries at will, crossing borders between countries without any credentials whatever. They traveled mostly by wheeled vehicles pulled by horses, mules and donkeys, with an occasional 'vintage' car or truck.

In summer when the grapes were ripe the Gypsies would work the grape harvest in Southern Greece, then working the harvest northward, winding up in Northern Europe in the fall. Before the cold winter set in, however, they would move south, mostly to Greece and Italy, to spend the winter in the relatively warmer climates. During the winter they would beg, barter and steal for livelihood.

We lived in Greece in the late sixties. During grape harvest season, Clara, our kids and I enjoyed spending spare time visiting the vineyards and mingling with the Gypsies picking grapes. At the time our daughter, Sherry was ten and our son, Martin was four years old.

These Gypsies loved to have their pictures taken, even though, of course, they would never see the pictures. I recall one time when I ran out of film, I kept snapping away with my camera while the Gypsies clowned in front of the camera.

We later found out that apparently all Gypsies do not like to be photographed. One memorable and more serious event bore that out. It took place when we visited a grape processing plant where the gypsies were stomping grapes. They would pile the freshly picked grapes, knee deep, in a room size vat. Several Gypsies would get in the vat barefooted and stomp away, until the grapes were literally pulverized. Others were scooping pulverized grapes from another vat into presses and squeezing out the juices.

(We thought nothing of it at the time but all the while it was obvious that some of the Gypsies were fascinated by our four-year-old son, Martin and were paying him a lot of attention.)

Using gestures, and through a complete language barrier, I ask one of the ladies who was stomping grapes if it was okay to take their picture. In response, she pointed to our son Martin and jabbered something we did not understand. After several tries, apparently becoming more frustrated each time, she sent a young Gypsy to beckon a translator. The translator arrived shortly thereafter. After some hand waving and loud verbal discussions with the lady, he told us that she was saying, "Give us the boy and you can take all the pictures you like." I told Clara to take the kids, get in the car and lock the doors. I ask the translator if the lady was serious. He exclaimed, "Oh yes!"

Without further ado, I also retreated to the car and we immediately left the area. We never did get any pictures of people stomping grapes.

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TREASURER REPORT
By Becky Lee KF4HTB

Beginning Bal.	$1,807.27
Deposits	2,619.97
Total Income	$4,427.24
Expenditures	1,644.77
Balance (6/30/03)	$2,782.47

CLUB OFFICERS

President:
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CLUB INFORMATION

Meetings: Monthly on the 4th Tuesday at 7 PM at the Jaycee Building , 405 N. Singleton Ave.

Next Meeting Date: **22 July 2003**

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Deadline for the next input to the newsletter is 17 August 2003

Nets:

Red Eye– Sundays 6 AM – 7 AM on 7.228 MHz

Traders – Mondays at 10 AM on 146.91

Friendship – Tuesdays at 6:30 PM on 146.91

Mosquito-Wednesdays at 7 PM on 28.333

VIP – Thursdays at 10 AM on 146.91

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Total membership: 180
(126 regular; 43 family;
8 honorary; 3 other)

NEW MEMBERS:

KI4ASY ROBBI KEIM

RENEWALS:

KE4BBP BUBBA STITT
KD4EYR JUNE ROLL
K4JYX JOHN ADAMS
KE4WWC MATTIE ADAMS
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JULY'S BIRTHDAYS:

7/2 KG4IMO JASON WOODRING
7/3 KG4WRI ROBERT TRAUGHBER
7/4 KG4FXR LEE ERSKINE
7/4 K1TJK THOMAS KELLY
7/8 WN3DHI ARCHIE SHETLER
7/8 W4NMB HOLLAND STARKEY
7/9 KD4JBL WILLIE WILLIAMS
7/10 W4JKF JACKIE KEIM
7/11 KF4IGN DORIS GIONET
7/15 KG4KBQ BEAU GRANTHAM
7/19 KG4WKP MARIA GARCIA
7/21 KC4RUF THOMAS RAC
7/23 KT4UD LEONARD ZBIEGIEN
7/23 KG4LOB ERROL STEVENS
7/25 WA0VED JIM WOODRING
7/27 KF4KUN SAMUEL DENMAN
7/27 AE4CB DAVID HURST
7/27 KV4DC ROE WEAVER
7/28 KE4AGM RICHARD LASURE
7/30 WD8JLT BRIAN SONNENBERG
7/30 NK4D BILL HAYNES
7/31 W4RNK ROBERT N. KEIM